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PROPOSALS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: YESTERDAY (APRIL 18) GREEK PRIME MINISTER
CARAMANLIS BROKE THE GOG'S OFFICIAL SILENCE ON THE TURKISH
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PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS BY RECALLING THAT ACCORDING TO THE UNDER-
STANDING REACHED LAST JANUARY WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM THE PROPOSALS
MUST BE OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR RESUMING THE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. CARAMANLIS STATED: "THE GREEK GOVERNMENT
HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, WHAT I KNOW IS THAT WHEN DR. WALDHEIM PAID
A VISIT TO ATHENS LAST JANUARY WE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT IT

IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THESE PROPOSALS TO BE CONCRETE. THEY SHOULD ALSO CONSTITUTE THE BASIS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE LEADING TO A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. I BELIEVE THAT DR. WALDHEIM, WITH HIS EXPERIENCE ON THE SUBJECT AND HIS INDEPENDENT POSITION, WILL NOT FAIL TO ENSURE THE NECESSARY PREREQUISITES. THE TURKISH SIDE AS WELL, IF THE PROPOSALS DO NOT FULFILL THE ABOVE PREREQUISITES, SHOULD IMPROVE THEM IN ORDER TO MAKE THE RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE POSSIBLE." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COMMENT: CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT IS IN EFFECT A WARNING THAT THE GOG WILL NOT ACCEPT JUST ANY FORMULA TO GET THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS STARTED AGAIN AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE ITS BACKING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT WAS WIDELY PLAYED IN THE MEDIA IN GREECE AS BEING A RESPONSE TO TURKISH "BLACKMAIL" IN THE FORM OF AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS AND CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS BY TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT FIGURES ON THE EVE OF UNSYG WALDHEIM'S ARRIVAL IN NICOSIA (REFTEL). END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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